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Jumpstarting the Economy

I am encouraged by the bipartisan agreement by the House, Senate and President Bush on an economic stimulus package that would quickly send hundreds of dollars to poor and middle-class workers while offering businesses one-time incentives to invest in new equipment. This would provide working Americans struggling in these difficult economic times with timely, targeted and temporary relief and to quickly give our economy a shot in the arm.

I'm expecting quick action by Congress, and he hopes the bill can be signed into law by President Bush by February 15th.

While the details of the legislation still need to be worked out, it's expected that this stimulus package will:

- •Provide tax rebates this spring of up to \$600 for an individual and up to \$1,200 for a married couple, plus \$300 per child. Those earning under \$75,000 (\$150,000 for couples) would receive the full rebates. Rebates would gradually phase out for those earning more than these income limits
- can write off their taxes for new investments to get our economy moving again and provide immediate tax relief for all businesses to invest in new plants and equipment. • Also, the package also includes important mortgage lending re-

•Double the amount small businesses

forms—including a one-year increase in Fannie Mae's and Freddie Mac's conforming loan limits (from \$417,000 to \$625,500), and other changes that immediately help families facing foreclosure refinance their loans and get the housing counseling they may need.

My only disappointment with the package was the failure to include an extension of unemployment benefits and a temporary increase in food stamps.

Honoring Judge Allsbrook The House this week approved legislation naming Roanoke Rapids' Post

Office in honor of the late Judge Richard Allsbrook.

Judge Allsbrook always gave everything he could to the community. He

was a loyal friend who was genuinely interested in the lives of others. He loved Roanoke Rapids and its people. By unanimous role call vote, the House approved the legislation I offered

naming Roanoke Rapids' Post Office at 725 Roanoke Avenue in honor of Judge Allsbrook. The legislation now moves on to the Senate where it is expected to win approval. Once approved in the Senate, the bill is expected to be signed into law by President Bush. Judge Allsbrook served as a resident Superior Court Judge for the Sixth

the reputation as a meticulous, fair and compassionate jurist. As a lawyer I tried cases before Judge Allsbrook, and on one unusual occasion, Judge Allsbrook served on the jury of a case I was presiding

Judicial District for 22 years, retiring from the bench in 2000. He earned

over. Judge Allsbrook was a very intellectual judge who was uncommonly understanding and patient with the people who came before him. I had

enormous respect for him and this is a deserving honor. Judge Allsbrook, who died October 27, 2007 at age 78, was a Halifax native and son of the late Sen. Julian Allsbrook. He was a graduate of Roanoke Rapids High School and earned an AB and law degree from the

University of North Carolina Chapel Hill. He served as second lieutenant in the U.S. Navy for four years. Judge Allsbrook practiced law in Roanoke Rapids with his father in the firm of Allsbrook, Benton and Knott for 20 years before becoming a judge. He served as president of the Roanoke Rapids Kiwanis Club and

as president of the Roanoke Rapids Chamber of Commerce. He received the Jaycees Distinguished Service Award and was honored with the Boy Scouts of America Distinguished Citizen Award.

Judge Allbrook is survived by a daughter and son, Barbara Alison Alls-

brook and Richard Brown Allsbrook, Jr., and by four grandsons.